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Applicant: HALKIER, T. et al. Conf.: 6308
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OSTEOPROTEGERIN LIGAND ACTIVITY

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 5, 2002

Sir:

In response to the current Office Action issued July 3, 2002, the following remarks are made in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires restriction to one of twelve groups. The Examiner argues that the inventions listed in Groups I-XII do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding technical feature. Specifically, the Examiner argues that the claim 54 does not constitute a special technical feature because it